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REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 15-17 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 5-14 and 18-19 remain pending in the application.

Claims 15-19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (US 6,343,162) in view of Kurata et al. (US 4,518,999). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The rejection of claims 15-17 is moot in view of the cancellation of those claims. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection for claims. Claims 18 and 19 depend upon allowed claims 1 and 5 respectively and should thus be allowable.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612) 455-3804.

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